Exclusion of persons above 55 years of age from mediclaim insurance cover

1547. SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the move of Public Sector Insurance Companies to exclude persons above 55 years of age from the purview of mediclaim insurance cover as appeared in the media;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to issue suitable directions to Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority and Insurance Companies in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government would in the interest of senior citizens, consider referring the issue of mediclaim Insurance to a Parliamentary Committee for indepth review and recommendation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) There is no move by the public sector insurers to exclude persons above 55 years of age from mediclaim insurance.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) The Parliamentary Committee on Public Undertakings has already discussed the issue of Health insurance, including the issue of mediclaim insurance for senior citizens.

Partial disinvestment of shares in NALCO and Neyveli Lignite

1548. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Cabinet accorded approval for a partial disinvestment of share in Neyveli Lignite Cooperation and in NALCO;

(b) if so, the salient details of the said disinvestments proposal, including the volume of fund estimated to be generated by it and utilization thereof contemplated by Government;